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FOR HA A/S SHATTUCK FROM AMBASSADOR

ALSO FOR AF, IO, RP

ROME PASS VATICAN

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PHUM, UNHRC-1, PREF, RV
SUBJECT: HIGH COMMISSIONER ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ACT ON
RWANDA

REF: (A) STATE 110049 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 4050 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (HCHR)
AYALA LASSO HAS AGREED TO TELEPHONE RWANDAN MILITARY
LEADERS TO URGE RESTRAINT; HE IS ALSO PREPARING A
WRITTEN MESSAGE. HE PLANS TO SEND AN ENVOY TO BURUNDI,
WHO WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO RWANDA IF CONDITIONS PERMIT.
AYALA HIMSELF HOPES TO VISIT BURUNDI AND POSSIBLY RWANDA
LATER THIS MONTH. HE HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN
RWANDA WITH ICRC, OTHER UN AGENCIES, AND THE UN
SECRETARY GENERAL. AYALA LOOKS FORWARD TO A CALL FROM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK. WE PROVIDE FOR SHATTUCK'S
USE A LIST OF KEY ICRC CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(PARAS 7 AND 8). END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. SPIEGEL MET WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AYALA LASSO APRIL 30 TO URGE THE HCHR TO ADOPT AN
ENERGETIC ROLE TO HELP BRING ABOUT THE END OF HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RWANDA. SPIEGEL SPOKE WITH AYALA
AGAIN THE MORNING OF MAY 2, FOLLOWING WEEKEND
CONVERSATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MOOSE AND

SHATTUCK. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AYALA AGREED
TO INTENSIFY AND EXPAND ACTION HE WAS ALREADY TAKING ON
RWANDA.

3. AT THE APRIL 30 MEETING, SPIEGEL OUTLINED U.S.

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REFTEL. SPIEGEL RECALLED A MEETING EARLIER THE SAME DAY
WITH THE ICRC, AT WHICH ICRC DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
GROSSRIEDER URGED MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
TO EXERT MORAL PRESSURE ON THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND
THE RPF TO END THE KILLING (REFTEL 8). SPIEGEL
UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANT POSITION OF THE HCHR AS A
MORAL FORCE, AND URGED AYALA TO MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT
CALLING FOR AN END TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN
RWANDA. SPIEGEL ALSO ASKED AYALA TO WRITE TO RWANDAN
LEADERS TO MAKE THE SAME POINT AND SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A
LETTER MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS.

4. IN RESPONSE, AYALA SAID HE HAD GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF
THOUGHT TO THE CRISIS IN RWANDA AND HAD BEGUN TO TAKE
ACTION IN RESPONSE TO IT. FIRST, HE HAS MET WITH ICRC
PRESIDENT SOMMARUGA AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A BROAD
RANGE OF UN AGENCIES AND AND UNHRC RAPORTEURS TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION. SECOND, HE PLANS TO SEND AN ENVOY TO
BURUNDI TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THAT GOVERNMENT AND BEGIN
SOME PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY. THE ENVOY (POSSIBLY LOUIS
JOINET OF FRANCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNHRC WORKING GROUP ON
ARBITRARY DETENTION) WILL, INTER ALIA, UNDERTAKE EFFORTS
TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.
FINALLY, AYALA HIMSELF PLANS TO VISIT BURUNDI BEFORE THE
END OF MAY TO ENGAGE KEY PLAYERS; AYALA WOULD GO ON TO

RWANDA IF THE SITUATION AT THE TIME PERMITTED. AYALA
WELCOMED SPIEGEL'S IDEA OF A LETTER TO RWANDAN MILITARY
LEADERS AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT UNDER CONSIDERATION.
AYALA ALSO WELCOMED SPIEGEL'S OFFER TO SHARE INFORMATION
ON THE SITUATION THERE. IN CONCLUSION, AYALA SAID HE
WAS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK,
WHERE THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED WITH THE RWANDA
ISSUE.

5. SPIEGEL SPOKE WITH AYALA AGAIN THE MORNING OF MAY 2
TO REVIEW WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS AND URGE HIM AGAIN TO
TAKE PROMPT ACTION. SPIEGEL INFORMED THE HCHR OF

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK'S IMPENDING TRIP TO BURUNDI
AND OF PRESIDENT CLINTONQ, 42-1. HE TOLD
AYALA TO EXPECT A CALL FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SHATTUCK; AYALA WELCOMED THIS PROSPECT. HE ALSO URGED
AYALA TO TELEPHONE MILITARY LEADERS IN BURUNDI (GENERAL
BIZIMUNGU AND COLONEL BAGASORA) AND REITERATED HIS
EARLIER REQUEST FOR A MESSAGE FROM AYALA TO THESE
INDIVIDUALS. AYALA AGREED TO MAKE THE TELEPHONE CALLS
AND TO DRAFT A WRITTEN MESSAGE URGING RESTRAINT WHICH
HE WILL CLEAR WITH THE UN SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK BEFORE
SENDING. THE HCHR ALSO RECONFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO
SEND AN ENVOY TO THE REGION. SPIEGEL ASKED HIM TO
ANNOUNCE THIS PUBLICLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. WE HAVE PROVIDED AYALA WITH THE NAMES AND TELEPHONE
NUMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATE RWANDAN MILITARY LEADERS AND
WITH A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

7. SEPARATELY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TOLD US ON MORNING OF MAY 2 THAT ICRC PRESIDENT
SOMMARUGA HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CARDINAL ETCHEGARRAY
AT THE VATICAN, AND ICRC IS HOPEFUL FOR AN ACTIVE ROLE
BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. [REDACTED] REPEATED HIS
COMMENTS OF FRIDAY, THAT GOR PRIME MINISTER JEAN
KAMBANDA (WITH WHOM [REDACTED] HAD MET IN GITARAMA) WAS
WELL-INTENTIONED AND TRYING TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE BUT
WAS QUITE ISOLATED. THE BEST CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANT

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AND THEY WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE CALL.

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8. ICRC CONTACTS IN GENEVA AND THE REGION FOR
SHATTUCK'S USE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GENEVA HEADQUARTERS - TEL. (41-22) 734-6001. THIS LINE
IS ANSWERED AT ALL HOURS AND CAN PATCH A CALLER THROUGH
TO DUTY PERSONNEL OR TO PRESIDENT CORNELIO SOMMARUGA OR
PAUL GROSSRIEDER AT THEIR HOMES.

RWANDA - HEAD OF DELEGATION PHILIPPE GAILLARD, AVENUE DE
KIYOVU, QUARTIER RUGUNGA, BP 735, KIGALI, TEL. 72-781/5
OR 77-344 OR 77-315. HEAD OF DELEGATION'S PRIVATE
PHONE, 83-039.

BURUNDI - HEAD OF DELEGATION DANIEL PHILIPPIN, ROUTE DE
L'AEROPORT, PARCELLE 3513, BP 3257, BUJUMBURA, TEL.

223-280 OR 212-908 OR 212-885 OR 212-865. HEAD OF
DELEGATION'S PRIVATE PHONE, 292-238.

ZAIRE - FREDERIC STEINEMANN, 32 AVENUE DES CLINIQUES, BP
7325 KIN 1, KINSHASA GOMBE, TEL. 34-191 OR 34-192.

REGIONAL DELEGATION (INCLUDING UGANDA AND TANZANIA)
BASED IN KENYA - JEAN-FRANCOIS OLIVIER, DENIS PRITT
ROAD, PO BOX 73226, NAIROBI, TEL. 724-008 OR 723-963 OR
723-965.

UGANDA (OFFICE, NOT A DELEGATION) - THIERRY CHARBONNEY,
PLAT 21, ACACIA AVE, PO BOX 4442, KAMPALA, TEL. 230-517
OR 232-450.

TANZANIA - NO OFFICE. SPIEGEL

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